Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Federal, state, and local government officials throughout the country take this time to recognize, thank, and commend all Animal Control Officers for the dedicated service they provide to the citizens, various public safety and service agencies, and departments throughout the country; and,

Whereas, The shocking and dramatic turn of events of one single day, September 11, 2001, caught everyone by surprise and struck the very heart of our society with the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The dedication, honor and respect for those individuals serving on the front lines as fire fighters, rescue personnel, police officers and emergency animal control officers was never greater or more strikingly illustrated; and,

Whereas, There is a need to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the service animal control departments provide on a daily basis to the citizens of the country and to the various public safety and service agencies, and departments; and,

Whereas, Animal control officers dedicate many long hours of service in their communities and provide the highest and most efficient level of customer service; and,

Whereas, Animal control officers and emergency animal control officers should be recognized and commended for the many dedicated and long hours of service they perform in serving our communities, and for fulfilling the animal control officer's commitment to providing the highest and most efficient level of customer service:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 11 - 17, 2005, as

ANIMAL CONTROL APPRECIATION WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State